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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND BANGLADESH:
MEETINGS

1. EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY MAY 25 TO TALK BRIEFLY WITH MFA DIRGEN FOR SUTH ASIA, SATTAR, WHO LIKE MOST SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED DURING PAST WEEK WITH GOP REACTION TO INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERIES, SATTAR SAID THAT TIMING OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S VISIT TO BANGLADESH WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO GBMERNMENTS. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT IT NOW LOOKED AS IF VISIT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF JUNE AT THE EARLIEST, PRESUMABLY AFTER PM HAD VISITED MOSCOW.

2. SATTAR ALSO SAID THAT INDO-PAKISTAN OFFICIALS MEETING AGREED TO UNDER NEW DELHI AGREMENT, WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR JUNE, BUT TIMING OF THIS MEETING (TO DISCUSS RESTORATION OF CMMUNICATIONS, TRAVEL AND TRADE) WAS NOW UNDER REVIEW HERE IN LIGHT OF MAY 18 NUCLEAR EXPLOSION BY INDIA. SATTAR SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BESOME SLIPPAGE IN TIMING.
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